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CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Cindy Adams, Jim Erickson, Dan Goldstrand and Joyce Storeby. Also present were city employees Megan Hanson and Jason Olson. Darlene Brown and Greg Sandahl were also present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were none. **M/S/P –Erickson/Storeby** to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM: Greg Sandahl asked Schmiedeberg if he was still the fire chief. Schmiedeberg stated that Rod Sele is now the Acting Fire Chief while Schmiedeberg is Mayor. Sandahl mentioned that Schmiedeberg was listed as the chief in a newspaper article; Schmiedeberg stated that the article was not written by him. Sandahl also asked if the Fire Department had received the grant yet for the tv in the community center. They did some time ago, the clerk will find the receipt for it. The next concern was the generator that was sold to Daryl Klegstad for some concrete work. Sandahl stated that it was not right at all that they were bartering. He stated that when it was put out on bids there should have been an exchange of cash, not any in-kind services and that if there is a project to be done, it must be approved by the city council. Schmiedeberg explained what was to be done and the quotes he had received. Sandahl stated that it looks fishy to him and others. Erickson stated that he does not like Schmiedeberg making deals that the council is unaware of. Schmiedeberg stated he would get a check from Klegstad for the generator and would fill the council in at the next meeting of what work needed to be done for their approval. He mentioned there would be a tarring crew around in July so Ardell Larson's driveway will be finished. **M/S/P – Erickson/Adams** to dig out and tar the approach to 2nd Avenue North, by Ricky Shablow's. Another concern mentioned was the fire department check made out to cash for meal allowances for training. Schmiedeberg explained that the cash is divided up and each person is given a set amount to spend for meals. Erickson stated that checks should be made out individually to each person so there is a paper trail. Schmiedeberg stated that they could make that change. Goldstrand stated that they used to do that but it ended up being cheaper to give them each a certain dollar amount rather than reimburse each. Goldstrand stated he did not like the implication that the fire department is being sneaky about things and added that they are always looking for ways to save money. Clerk mentioned that Lois Klegstad had asked if they could pile snow somewhere else as she was stuck on the road this morning, Olson will try to get rid of some of it and maybe next year it can be moved somewhere else. Council will also discuss in the fall whether or not to have a skating rink next year as it doesn't seem as though it is used very much.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council reviewed the March 18, 2013 minutes. Erickson asked to make the following changes: In the sentence, "Clerk provided the Council with copies of the grant application that she completed and submitted.", change the word "she" to "was" and add "at the Council's request" to the end, and to mention the barter deal for cement work in front of the fire shed in the sentence which read, "Erickson expressed his concern with the generator that

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the Fire Department put out on bids last year.” **M/S/P- Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the March 18, 2013 Minutes with the mentioned corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Minnesota Beautiful Program** – Clerk provided the Council with copies of the award letter stating that the city’s project has been selected for an award. Clerk will travel to Bemidji on May 1 to meet with Valspar representatives and make paint selections. City will need to purchase supplies for painting as well as pick up the paint in Minneapolis. Clerk also mentioned that the seniors had talked to her about possibly giving some money towards redoing the floor in the community center as it is starting to look pretty bad.

• **Other** – Storeby asked if the city had ever received any money from the railroad for ditching. Clerk reported that they have not and she is not sure who Nerguson talked to about it. She also mentioned that she still has not received the city keys back from Nerguson. Adams stated she would talk to Nerguson. Storeby asked about the Revolving Loan Fund recipients and if they have been making payments, Clerk will provide a report at next month’s meeting. Storeby mentioned that the city celebration will be the first Saturday in August. Erickson asked Clerk to contact MN DOT again regarding grinding the approach to Western Street. Uneven sidewalks were briefly discussed; Olson is to spray hazardous areas with orange paint.

• **Conferences** – Olson reported that he passed his wastewater exam at the Minnesota Rural Water Association Conference. He is still waiting for his certificate. The council congratulated him on that achievement. Clerk reported that the Municipal Clerk and Finance Officers Association Conference was great and she was glad she could attend. Council discussed paying the employees \$25 per day for meals. Both were gone for four days each. **M/S/P – Storeby/Erickson** to pay the Clerk and the Maintenance Worker \$100 each for meals for their conferences.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **City Clean-up** – Mayor Schmiedeberg declared May 13-24 as City Clean-up Week. Council reviewed last year’s newsletter to make any changes. No significant changes other than dates. Clerk reported the annual pet clinic will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Village Square. Clerk will check with Anderson Sanitation to see what dates a dumpster would be available. The old bowling alley was briefly discussed as well as complaints of loose dogs.

• **Other** – Clerk reported the city received a dividend check from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust in the amount of \$625.00 for work comp premiums. **M/S/P – Erickson/Goldstrand** to purchase five loads of gravel.

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BILLS TO BE AUDITED: The council reviewed the claims list for bills. Clerk reported one addition to the list to Postmaster for \$138.00 for stamps. Total claims were \$9,384.29 for the month. Fire Department bills totaled \$561.65. **M/S/P – Storeby/Erickson** to approve the claims list and pay bills.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand to adjourn until the next special council meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 29, 2013 for Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Megan Hanson, City Clerk